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Dear Mr. Morisy:

Pursuant to G. L. c. 66, § 10 (b), this correspondence is to confirm receipt of your request for documents that are potentially in the possession, custody or control of the Boston Police Department. Specifically, you have requested information under the Freedom of Information Act about the following:

Copies of tweets, posts, and other content generated by the Boston Police Department using unofficial social media accounts on Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, Instagram, Forums, Bulletin Boards, Friendster, MySpace, and other social network

Any guides, memos, or written or electronic guidance on using social media accounts for investigative purposes.

I am not interested in posts from the following official accounts:

https://twitter.com/Boston_Police

<https://plus.google.com/103039731569177117045/posts>

<https://plus.google.com/109846431012195750523/posts>

The existence of these accounts was reported by Slate in the following article:

http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/crime/2013/03/boston_police_catfishing_indie_rockers_cops_pose_as_punks_on_the_internet.html

One such username was reported to be “Boston Punk Zombie,” possibly registered with the account bostonbeatgang@gmail.com.

I also request all emails sent and received to the address bostonbeatgang@gmail.com over the past 2 months if it is indeed a Boston Police Department controlled address, as well as the first 10 emails sent and received by this account after it was created.

We will contact you as soon as possible with our findings, and will send you a cost estimate for your requested materials if fulfilling the request is expected to exceed \$10.00, per 950 C.M.R. 32.06(1); 950 C.M.R. 32.03; M.G.L. c 66 § 10(a).

Please be advised that we research each request in the order it was received, and it may take longer than ten days to be fulfilled. If your request requires a substantial amount of research, reviewing and redacting, fulfilling the request will take a significant amount of time. Please plan accordingly.

Thank you,

Bureau of Public Information
Boston Police Department